



The Voter

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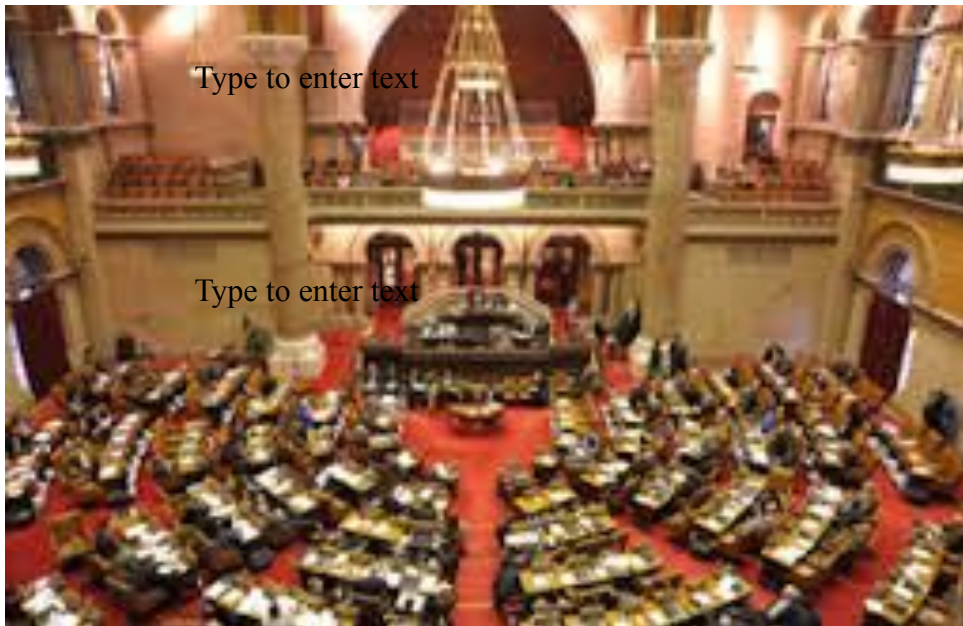
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In 2017, New York voters will vote on whether or not to hold a constitutional convention. Come learn more about this important topic.

THE PEOPLE'S CONVENTION:

An Overview of the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How
Of New York State's Constitutional Convention Question

Guest Speakers:



Laura Ladd Bierman, LWNYS Executive Director
Jennifer Wilson, LWNYS Program & Policy Director

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6:30PM

East Greenbush Community Library
10 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061

President's message-

Some call it the silly season as lawn signs go missing and the like. But the fall all local election season is anything but silly, it is the foundation level where democracy has the opportunity to be built from the ground up. This is the time and opportunity to get to know candidates and their views face to face at forums, meet ups, and other public gatherings. This year we are also specifically asking candidates how we will be able to stay in touch with them if they are elected - what avenues of communication will they create between themselves and their public?

The first voting day in East Greenbush will be September 7th for the Public Library budget and Board candidates and a similar important vote will take place in Troy September 26th. Our League will be assisting with both of these voting processes. Even without any controversy around these votes it is important to show support for these vulnerable public institutions by voting.

Next up is the Party Primaries September 12th where candidates battle for visibility on many party lines.

Also on September 26th our League is sponsoring a presentation regarding the ballot question "Should a New York Constitutional Convention be held in 2018?" Please come to prepare to make an informed vote on November 7th.

Judy Meyer, President

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***Note re technology and our League - Many of us in LWVRC are not "digital naturals." We struggle to get onboard and keep up with the tech world that is itself changing rapidly. We are currently working on an updated web site and reviewing how we use all the various channels of communication at our disposal. With that in mind we have also attached this Voter as a downloadable and more easily printed file. If you have experience in these areas that you would like to contribute in our Communication Task Force, please contact Judy Meyer at jdymyr@yahoo.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Voter Service

Voter Service Activities this fall will include:

[Voter Guide Part II](#) will be available in local libraries, town or city halls or on-line at lwvnys.org. It will contain information on the three items to be on this year's ballot.

Library Vote League members will conduct voting for trustees and budgets at the East Greenbush Community Library on September 7 and for the Troy Public Library on September 26.

Watch for more information about Voter Registration, Candidate Forums and Election Night Reporting.

Mary C. Steirer Making Democracy Work Award

Diane and Don Bell were presented the award at the Annual Meeting in June. During the presentation the following remarks were made by Margaret Story, a previous recipient.

This is the first time the award has been presented to a couple. It seems appropriate to make comparisons between Mary and Bob and Diane and Don. They have supported and complimented each other in their work in the League.

Some of Diane and Don's joint contributions to Making Democracy Work include Election Night Reporting, Library Vote, design projects for print and electronic media presentations.

We appreciate Diane's leadership as Co-President, Secretary, and member of the Board of Directors. She initiated our participation in Vote 411. She also is an active participant in Voter Registration activities.

We consider Don our "official photographer" and appreciate the many times he has provided equipment for our use. He has also back stopped and or initiated Vote411, our web page and the Board filing a cabinet.

Their efforts to Make Democracy Work are truly exemplary.

The Bells chose to present the monetary award to the Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Friends of the Troy Public Library.

2017-18 Calendar

AUGUST 2017

Aug. 26, 2017 **Voter Registration at Farmers Market**

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept. 7, 2017 East Greenbush Library Vote

Sept. 12 and 14 Troy Library candidates' meeting

Sept. 21, 2017 Board meeting, 7 p.m., Krause Center

Sept 23, 2017 Voter Registration at Farmers Market

Sept 26, 2017 Troy Library Vote

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2017

National Voter Registration Day: September 26, 2017

PRIMARY DAY ELECTION: SEPTEMBER 12

- Aug. 18 last day to postmark voter registration form or to register in person to vote in primary
- Sept. 5 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot for primary election
- Sept 11 last day to apply in person for primary absentee ballot
- Sept. 11 last day to postmark absentee ballot for primary
- Sept 12 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to County BOE

GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOV. 7

- OCT. 13 last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at BOE
- Oct. 13 last day to change party enrollment for 2018 primaries
- Oct. 31 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- Nov 6 last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 6 last day to postmark ballot for general election
- Nov 7 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE